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SUBJECT: PEPSI REQUESTS ASSISTANCE RE PELE

1. PEPSI COLA VICE PRESIDENT FOR CORPORATE AFFAIRS
(DE LOACH) TELEPHONED FEBRUARY 18 TO ASK IF EMBASSY
COULD ASSIST THEIR NIGERIAN MANAGER IN SECURING FMG
PERMISSION TO FLY BRAZILIAN SOCCER PLAYER AND HIS PARTY
OF SIX, THREE OF WHOM ARE AMERICAN, OUT OF NIGERIA BEFORE
AIRPORTS ARE OPENED; IN PEPSICO AIRCRAFT.

2. WE SUMMARIZED CURRENT SITUATION IN NIGERIA AND SAID
THAT WE DOUBTED NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE TO SUCH
A REQUEST EVEN IF SUPPORTED BY THE EMBASSY BUT THAT WE
WOULD INFORM EMBASSY OF PEPSI COLA REQUEST WITH UNDER-
STANDING THAT THE EMBASSY WOULD USE ITS OWN JUDGMENT IN
DECIDING WHAT ACTION, IF ANY, TO TAKE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CALLING PELE'S PARTY AT
FEDERAL PALACE HOTEL AND INFORMING US OF THEIR WELFARE.

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